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Thursday 27th

Dear Friend,

Mrs Jackson & I, in making up our accounts for the "Boston Female's" year, find that we need some papers by way of vouchers — you can tell what, better than we, or have the facts. I wanted to dispose of the $84 of the donation of Thomas Sturge thus;— through the Boston Female, to the American Soc, for your expenses at Washington:— Consequently need some paper from I. T. Hopper or yourself — you know what better than I, & if not too much trouble, I beg you to be so kind as to send ~~me~~ it. It is best to acknowledge the remainder of the sum somewhere, &, as it was for the most part collected by the efforts & influence of members of the Boston Female, Mrs Jackson thinks we had better make it appear through that means:— so we should need a receipt from you. Do you not

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think we ought to make an exertion to have you there again this winter, if you can make the sacrifice? If you agree with me in this, pray let me know how you would prefer to have it done — whether by the Am Soc (which we always are obliged, our own though it is, to "humbly sue for leave to do it good," & not always able to get consent) or through the Mass— or through the Boston Female. For by previous understanding & consideration, we can do it the best way. I hope you have not been a loser through the last winter's arrangement by reason of the miscarriage of any of our letters containing money, as you feared was the case when last we saw you. If you cannot find that the money was all rec'd, either in N. York or Washington, I should be glad notwithstanding, to have the receipt so written as to assure the auditor that it was all sent, which small as the whole sum was

I feel at this moment the inconvenience it cost me, had I no other evidence. This I can say to you, who have undergone so much greater inconvenience for the sake of serving the cause, without fearing your misinterpretation, my wish to have my accounts as square as my actions.

I was very glad to hear of the forthcoming political interrogatories. They cannot fail to do great good. [Garrison & Phillips & Quincy & indeed all our working people here, are bent upon dissolving the Union. This will be our winter's work,] & yours will dovetail into it well. Only feel for ~~our~~ practice & on sincere attachment to it as the true, the same tolerance that we do for yours & all will be well. Much Love to Mrs Phea

I pray God to Bless you
& remain truly yours ever
M W Chapman

Do read James R. Lowell's verses— "The heritage" in Mrs Follen's child's Friend. "As Nathan said unto David— *them's 'um!*"

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